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Report Highlights:

Egyptian rice exports increased 12 percent during the first half of 2004, compared to the same period in 2003 primarily as a result of a barter trade agreement Egypt signed with Syria last year.

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Total Egyptian rice exports during MY 2003/04 (Sept 15/2003) are estimated at 650,000 MT. Since the beginning of CY 2004, Egypt exported 365,352 MT of rice compared to 324,339 MT during the same period last year. This slight increase is mainly attributed to increased rice exports to Syria as a result of the barter trade agreement Egypt and Syria signed in November, 11, 2003 (EG4002). According to Egyptian rice traders, the average export price during MY 2003/04 was between \$ 320 and \$350 per MT /FOB for grade #2 (6 percent broken). Local trade is optimistic about the new crop which is due to arrive in the market next month. Rough rice prices are expected to decrease this year compared to last year due to increased production. In addition, recent reduction of import tariffs by the government (EG 4004) is expected to keep local prices low this year.

The Egyptian government does not maintain an official ban on paddy rice exports. However, the government maintains a long standing policy that encourages domestic milling in order to keep private sector and government-owned mills working. Paddy rice exporters are required to obtain an export license from the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Industry after meeting stringent specification requirements. Egypt exported no paddy rice so far this year.

Country of destination for Egyptian rice exports from January through June 2004 is as follows: (Source: Central Agency For Public Mobilization and Statistics):

EGYPTIAN RICE EXPORTS 2004

Month	Quantity MT
January, 2004	
Turkey	21,470
Syria	12,611
Jordan	2,120
Sudan	3,999
Romania	6,045
Canada	2,021
Lebanon	1,922
Total	50188
Others	7953
G.Total	58,141
February, 2004	
Syria	20,925
Turkey	12,973
Romania	10,300
Jordan	4,479
Taiwan	4,723
Saudi-Arabia	4,612
Lebanon	2,956
Spain	1,566
Sudan	2,196

Belarus	2,200
England	2,430
CoteD'Ivoire	1,022
Total	70382
Others	5126
G. Total	75,508
March, 2004	
Syria	25,149
Taiwan	9,762
Turkey	6,906
Romania	5,392
Sudan	4,345
Lebanon	2,988
Belarus	2,607
Palestine	2,514
Spain	1,728
Saudi-Arabia	1,809
Jordan	1,756
England	1,811
Albania	1,088
Kenya	1,018
Total	68873
Other	5039
G.Total	73,912
April 2004	
Syria	8,544
Spain	2,860
Jordan	4,389
Libya	2,652
Turkey	2,964
Belarus	2,500
Croatia	2,100
Slovak	2,500
Saudi-Arabia	2,027
Taiwan	1,861
Romania	1,759
Sudan	1,288
Palestine	1,313
Total	36757
Others	6792
G.Total	43,549
May 2004	

Libya	14,382
Syria	6,929
Turkey	4,132
Sudan	3,740
Ukraine	3,750
Romania	2,770
Kenya	3,250
Singapore	2,256
Jordan	2,221
Palestine	2,035
Russia	2,000
Lebanon	1,493
Saudi-Arabia	1,419
Total	50377
Others	8115
G.Total	58,492
June 2004	
Libya	8,464
Saudi-Arabia	8,352
Syria	4,633
Jordan	5,455
Ukraine	3,345
Sudan	4,161
Turkey	3,384
Taiwan	2,378
Spain	2,221
England	2,862
Israel	2,367
Kenya	1,220
Total	48842
Others	6908
G. Total	55,750